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In re Application of: **Couto et al.**

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Examiner: **Mondesi, Robert B.**

For: **METHODS OF TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION AND AN APPARATUS THEREFORE**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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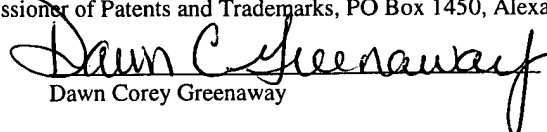
**REPLY**

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2005. Applicants submit the following in response to the Examiner's concerns and respectfully ask for reconsideration of the pending claims. A response to this action is not due until February 28, 2006 so this response is timely filed. Please also note the submission of a Declaration from an expert in the field along with this Reply.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited on December 15, 2005 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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